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SENATOR MARVEL: But I understood that Senator Stull wanted only those bills that either in the original language or in the A bill does not have fiscal impact, is that right?

CLERK: Here's what the Stull motion now reads (read). I now have, Mr. President, a motion to amend that (read).

SPEAKER: Alright now, this is the amendment to the amendment. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Vince, that should be under construction, not consideration,--

CLERK: Under construction is what it is, I'm sorry.

SPEAKER: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: It has come to my attention that there are a great many capital construction projects under way at the present time based upon appropriations from previous sessions and then whether those projects are to be completed depends upon reappropriating, as I understand it and Senator Marvel can correct me if I'm in error, reappropriating the funds in order that the--those contractual relationships the State has made can be met. I understand the Governor has not presented a bill to the Budget Committee in this regard. It seems to me it's immaterial if he has or not, I think the Legislature has responsibility to honor those contracts; to do otherwise I suppose conceivably could subject us to lawsuits for failure to meet the contracts although I think generally there is an escape clause to that effect in the building contracts but most certainly it would have a penalty involved if construction stopped for some indefinite period of time to be redone at a future date so I would offer that amendment if we're outlining the bills which are going to be subject to consideration, at least there should be a bill passed to reappropriate the money for those capital construction projects under way. This includes umpteen projects, the Game Commission, the Home Ec Building, there are some State institutions, there may be numerous projects.

SPEAKER: Senator Barnett, did you wish to speak?

SENATOR BARNETT: Well, Mr. President, I don't know if it's on this motion. I would have a question.

SPEAKER: Are you speaking to the Warner amendment to the amendment?

SENATOR BARNETT: Since you asked me, I will

SPEAKER: Alright.

SENATOR BARNETT: I was going to talk on the other motion but I do have a question of Senator Marvel.

SPEAKER: Senator Marvel will you yield?

SENATOR BARNETT: Is it true that what Senator Warner says, that there is no money--

SENATOR MARVEL: There is no money in 259 to reappropriate capital construction.

SENATOR BARNETT: Is this the Governor's responsibility also?

SENATOR MARVEL: Yes sir.

SENATOR BARNETT: Then why didn't he do it?

SENATOR MARVEL: I assume that he's either got a bill like the--